

**Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve is seeking candidates interested in a full-time, GS-2210-11 Information Technology (IT) Specialist position.** This will be a lateral reassignment.

The position reports directly to the Chief of Administration. The position will serve as the strategic and technical lead for all information technology matters for the park. Wrangell St. Elias has a 15-year tradition of excellence in IT, with consistently strong management support and high end-user expectations. Information systems are in very good working order, with systems in place that are at the leading edge of the NPS technology. This position oversees all computers, local network and phone systems, applications, and end-user IT support at our Copper Center headquarters campus, for several mobile and telework users, and for seven field stations. The position will also work with regional IT staff and the park's end users (about 45 year-round staff, increasing to about 120 during the summer). There will be travel required from headquarters to field stations located at Nabesna, Kennecott, Chitina and Yakutat. This travel may include flying in small planes, commercial jet, riding ATVs and in some cases staying overnight.

This position is located at the park's headquarters in Copper Center, AK. Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve is located in the SE portion of South Central Alaska. Copper Center and adjacent Glennallen are small rural communities, with low population, and basic amenities which include a medial clinic, chiropractor, and dental office. Elementary, Junior and Senior high schools and a Jr. College are located within commuting distance. Recreational opportunities exist all times of the year. **Climate:** Summers are relatively cool but hot days are not uncommon in July. Mosquitos are in great supply until Fall, which can be delightfully clear, however the season is short. Winters are cold, with temperatures frequently dropping to 40 below zero. Average snow cover in winter is two feet. In the spring, clear skies, increasingly longer days and warming temperatures break winter's hold on the land with dramatic quickness. Throughout the year, the weather can be "unseasonable" at times. **Transportation:** The park is accessible from Anchorage (approximately 200 miles distant) via the Glenn Highway (Alaska 1), or from the Canadian border at Tok. The Tok Cutoff coming south from the Alaska Highway borders the northwestern corner of the park.

The Chugach, Wrangell, and St. Elias mountain ranges converge here in what is often referred to as the "mountain kingdom of North America." The largest unit of the National Park System (13.2 million acres) and a day's drive east of Anchorage, this spectacular park includes the continent's largest assemblage of glaciers and the greatest collection of peaks above 16,000 feet. Mount St. Elias, at 18,008 feet, is the second highest peak in the United States.

Government housing may be available on a temporary basis until the employee purchases or rents housing within the Copper Basin.

**Tour renewal travel:** Because of the distance from the 48 contiguous states, tour renewal travel is currently payable to employees who relocate from outside Alaska to parks in Alaska. This entitles employees to transportation costs for round trip travel for

the employee & his/her immediate family to travel outside Alaska after completing 2 years of continuous service. (Entitlement is limited to 2 round-trips within the first 5 years of continuous duty in Alaska. Compensation is based on round trip costs between the employee's home of record and duty station in Alaska.)

**Return Rights (applies to NPS employees only):** The Return Rights policy as outlined in HR Bulletin Number 03-8 dated 10/28/03 is in effect for this position. This policy is designed to help attract a larger pool of highly qualified employees to remote areas. It applies to all current NPS career and career-conditional employees who transfer from an NPS unit within the 48 contiguous United States and the District of Columbia to certain remote sites. Under this policy, employees will be given the opportunity to return to the Region they were assigned to prior to transferring to the remote park within the Alaska Region. To be eligible for Return Rights, the employee must complete a minimum tour of three calendar years at the Alaska park, and may elect a possible two year extension.

**Travel, transportation and relocation expenses are authorized** as described in the Federal Travel Regulations and Departmental policy.

**For more information regarding the position,** please contact Chief of Administration Ann Crow at 907-822-7218 or by email at [ann\\_crow@nps.gov](mailto:ann_crow@nps.gov).

**Please submit the following documents to Ann Crow by close of business Friday, August 17, 2012.**

- A resume/application
- A one-page letter of interest
- Most recent Employee Performance Appraisal
- Your most recent SF-50

Documents may be mailed, faxed or e-mailed direct to Ann's attention. If documents are mailed, they must be received in the park headquarters office by the close of business on Friday, August 17, 2012. Mailing address: PO Box 439, Copper Center, AK 99573. Fax: 907-822-3281. Email address: [ann\\_crow@nps.gov](mailto:ann_crow@nps.gov)